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AZERBAIDZHAN OIL OUTPUT INCREASES

NEW METHODS USED IN AZERBAIDZHAN -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 88, 7 May 49

A meeting of leading personnel of the Azerbaydzhani petroleum industry was recently called by editors of the newspaper Bakinskiy Rabochiy together with the Azerbaydzhani Council of Trade Unions and the "Azneft" Association. The conference discussed the utilization of the new method of exploiting oil fields as developed by Agasafa Bagirov who organized the first mixed brigade on cost accounting. Movsum, chief engineer of the "Stalinneft" Trust, reported that the trust, in the first quarter 1949, realized a considerable increase in production, increased the operating number of wells by 62 wells, realized more than 6 million rubles in profits above plan, and released nearly 2 million rubles of working capital. These achievements were the result of Stakhanovite work of the mixed brigades on cost accounting.

Speeches by other delegates to the conference showed that adoption of the new methods is proceeding extremely slowly in the republic's oil industry.

DRILLERS SET RECORD -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 87, 5 May 49

An All-Union speed record for drilling petroleum wells was established by a brigade of the "Buzovnyneft" Drilling Trust, Azerbaydzhani SSR. Sinking a well to a depth of 1,290 meters, three times faster than the established time, the brigade attained a speed of 5,335 meters per machine-month.

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